FREDERICKSBURG RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of December 9, 2010

The December meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at Maury Commons, Suite 111. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Tim Duffy, George Foster, Ken Kroko, Beatrice Paolucci, Barbara Miller-Richards (arrived late), and Susan Tyler. Absent: Commissioners Brian Baker & Charles McDaniel. Also in attendance: Robert Antozzi and Patricia Sparks.

I. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of October 21, 2010 were unanimously approved.

II. Public Comment:

James Lawrence, 802 Caroline Street, presented the Commissioners with a bag full of empty plastic water bottles that he got out of the trash containers at Dixon Park. He wanted to show the Commissioners the need for the City to work harder on recycling. James also suggested that the City have more benches.

III. Communications from the Director: The Commissioners reviewed the following reports:

Financial Report – November 2010 Sports Report – October/December 2010 Leisure Report – November/December 2010 Follow-Up Report – October 21, 2010 2011 Recreation Commission Meeting Dates

IV. Noteworthy Dates: The Commissioners reviewed upcoming programs and trips.

V. Old Business:

- A. Pathways Dr. Antozzi reported that he is hoping that the bids for Heritage Trail can go out in April. He also stated that after researching the information received from Mrs. Wheeler in reference to the Heritage Trail crossing her property on Riverside Drive, it was determined that the path will not cross over the Wheeler property. Once Gordon Associates stakes the property, Dr. Antozzi will meet with Mrs. Wheeler to confirm that the pathway is on the City's right-of-way.
- B. Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Partnership Dr. Antozzi reported that he believed that the contracts have been signed. The final approvals were submitted to Code

Compliance and Building Development Services, to acquire the proper permits to begin construction.

- C. Riverfront Park Dr. Antozzi reported that he continues to wait on the Riverfront Park Taskforce for their assistance in looking at some amenities for the park such as benches and trash cans. Dr. Antozzi stated that Public Works has agreed to re-grade the bowl. The date for re-grading the bowl has not been determined.
- **D. Park Entrance Signs -** Dr. Antozzi reported that he is requesting funds for FY 2012 to hire a design engineer to develop a theme for City parks.
- E. Powhatan Park Commissioner Foster asked if we were going to have any fencing along the side of the park on Cowan Boulevard. Dr. Antozzi reported that staff is researching possible solutions such as fencing and shrubbery, or some type of burm to offset the park from Cowan Blvd.

VI. New Business:

A. Dixon Park - Dr. Antozzi reported that the Surgi-Center has made a monetary proposal to the City Manager in reference to acquiring the property directly behind the Surgi Center I that is currently being built on Dixon Street. Surgi Center I would like to acquire this property to build a Surgi Center II. The Surgi Center has made a proposal to purchase the Barnes property. They would donate the Barnes property to the City in exchange for the soccer field located directly behind their Surgi Center I. Dr. Antozzi stated that there might be a possibility that we may be able to convert the area directly behind the pool into a soccer field. This area was originally designated for the Community Center. The Community Center could then be built on the Barnes Property. Dr. Antozzi is scheduled to meet with Bev Cameron on Friday, December 10, 2010 to discuss this monetary proposal.

Commission Concerns and Topics:

No comments were made. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Approved by the Recreation Commission

Dr. Robert Antozzi, Director

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Next Meeting January 20, 2011 at Maury Commons, Suite 111.